

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An escape wheel (10) ~~whose direction of rotation defines an upstream direction and a downstream direction, said wheel being designed~~ configured to form part of an escapement mechanism ~~and being formed by, the escape wheel comprising:~~

a hub (12);

a felly (16) connected to the hub; and

~~teeth (18)~~ at least one tooth arranged radially on ~~said the~~ felly, ~~said teeth the~~ tooth having a root (20) ending in a finger (22);

~~in which wherein escape wheel said the~~ finger (22) comprises:

a first part (22a) ~~of~~ having a first thickness [[E]] situated towards the felly (16), and a second part (22b) ~~of~~ having a lesser second thickness [[e]] situated towards the an end of the finger, the boundary between ~~these two~~ the first and second parts defining a threshold (22c) ~~which that,~~ with the an adjacent face of the second part, ~~forms is~~ configured to form an oil holder.

2. (Currently Amended) The wheel ~~as claimed in of~~ claim 1, ~~in which wherein~~ the second thickness ~~of the second part (22b)~~ is approximately equal to one-half of ~~that of the first part (22a)~~ thickness.

3. (Currently Amended) The wheel ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the distance between the threshold and the end of the tooth is approximately equal to the thickness of the wheel.

4. (Currently Amended) The wheel ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the wall of the oil holder formed by ~~said~~ the threshold is concave.

5. (Currently Amended) The wheel ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 4, ~~in which said~~ wherein the wall has interruptions.

6. (Currently Amended) The wheel ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein ~~said the~~ second part (22b) ~~comprises~~ further includes a cavity formed in its thickness.

7. (Currently Amended) The wheel ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein ~~said the~~ second part carries a projection extending in the thickness of the wheel.